THE HORMUZ ILLUSION

The prevailing geopolitical myth is that the Strait of Hormuz is an Iranian chokepoint. The geographic reality is entirely different.

The Strait isn't even controlled by Iran and never was.

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THE NORTH SHORE	
NATION: IRAN	**STATUS:** PERCEIVED CONTROLLER

THE SOUTH SHORE	
NATIONS: SAUDI ARABIA, UAE, OMAN	**STATUS:** ACTUAL GEOGRAPHIC CONTROLLERS

TRUE PHYSICAL LEVERAGE IS DICTATED VIA THE SOUTH SHORE BY THREE DISTINCT BORDERING NATIONS.

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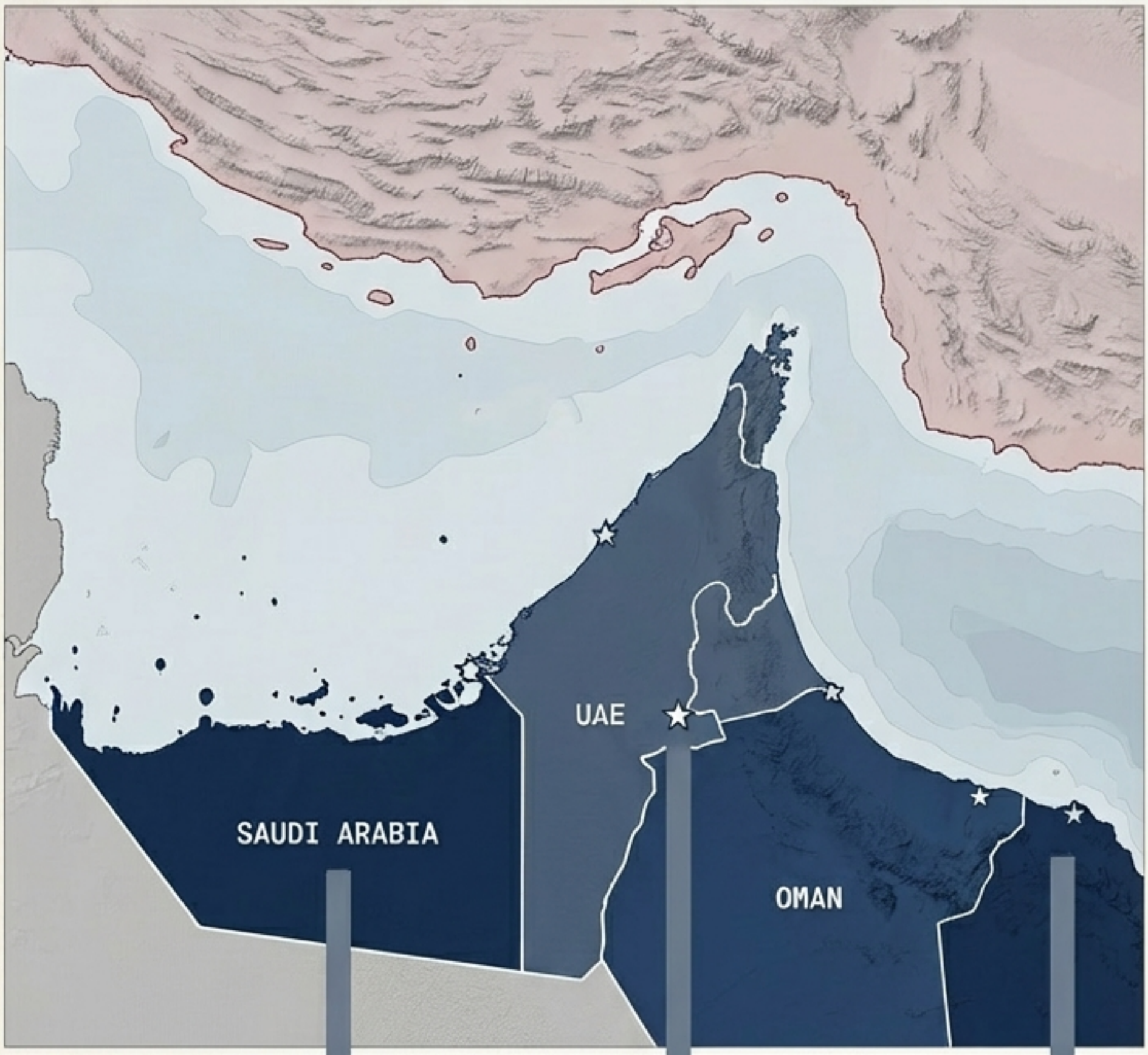
THE DIPLOMATIC OVERLAY



The physical controllers of the south shore—Saudi Arabia, UAE, and Oman—are all big US allies.

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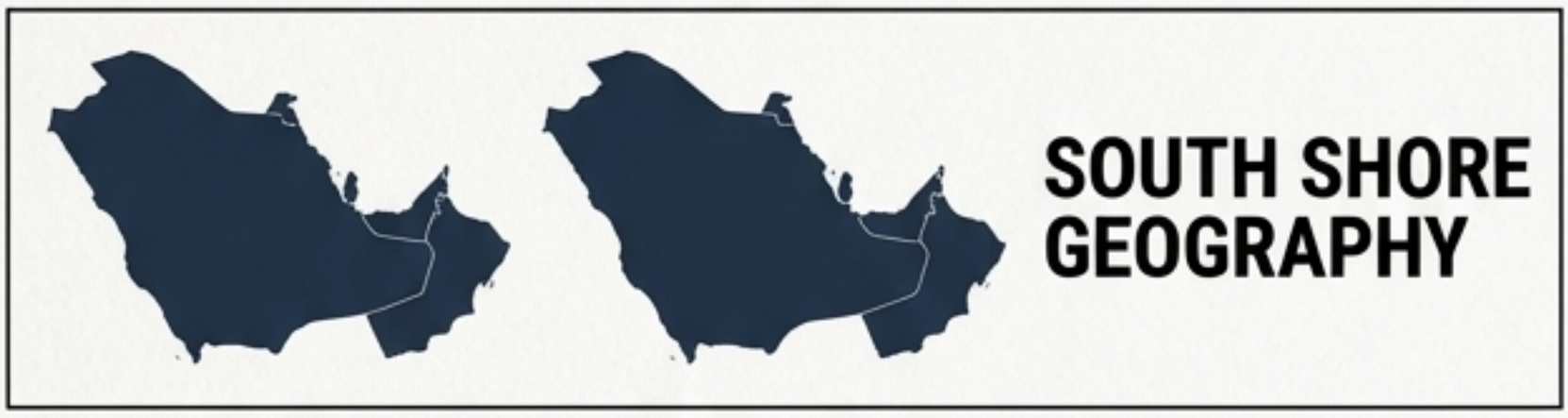
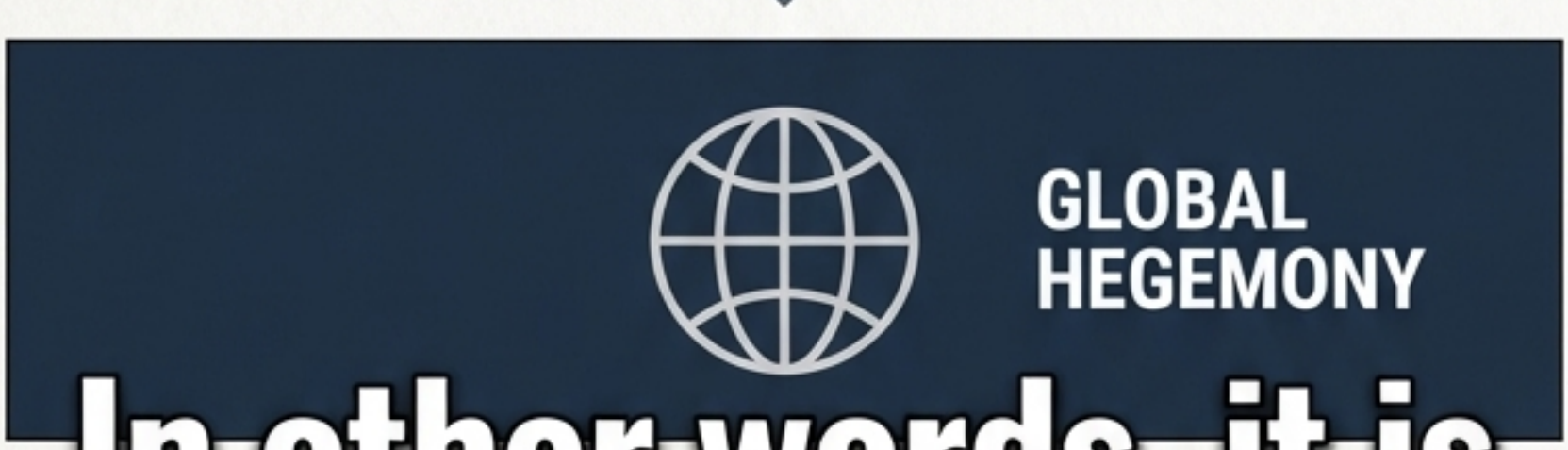
THE PROXY CONTROL LOOP





In other words, it is controlled by the US.

Control of global trade chokepoints is frequently executed via proxy alliances rather than direct territorial borders.

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